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## Drama Ends Murder Trial

JURY UNABLE TO  
REACH VERDICT

London, Jan. 26. Brian Donald Home, 30-year-old self-styled "flying smuggler," accused of murder, escaped the threat of the hangman's noose today, but was sent to prison for 12 years for being an "accessory after the fact."

The jury of 10 men and two women were unable to agree on a verdict in one of the most sensational trials in the history of British justice.

They told the judge that they could not decide whether Home had killed a "kitchen maid" Stanley Setty, whose body was found in a bath in the Essex coast.

Almost immediately after the jury had been discharged, another was sworn in to try a new indictment against Home of being an accessory after the fact.

### PLEADS GUILTY

To the new indictment, Home pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to 12 years, merely a reduction from the 15 years he had been sentenced to.

The new indictment on which Home was sent to prison was that he had been an accessory to the murder of Setty, a 21-year-old girl, who was found in a bath in the Essex coast. The defence plea that Home had helped to save Home was the exception of how these London gangsters, Max, George, and "The Boy" had forced him for £100 to drop periods of consensual preying, which was the real reason for his plea. They had brought the girl to the bath and she had been found in the bath. The girl was found in the bath. The girl was found in the bath.

### MINE DISASTER

St. Eloy, France, Jan. 26. Thirteen miners were reported killed and another 30 injured today in an underground coal dust explosion in a mine near town in Central France. Associated Press.

### EDITORIAL

## Trade Exhibition Hall

THE Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Fair held in Kowloon a few weeks ago was, by common consent, a highly successful enterprise. Hongkong's representation at the British Industries Fair, last year, was also a noteworthy achievement. Both contributed in no small way to bringing before overseas buyers the potentialities of the Hongkong manufacturing market, both in quality and relative cheapness. Partly because of the success of these exhibitions, partly because of the migration from Shanghai of Chinese industrialists, and also because of the stable conditions which prevail in Hongkong, the Colony today has more industries operating than ever before in its existence. Moreover, there is a keenness to compete in world markets and a willingness to make this possible by the introduction of modern machinery and decent working conditions. Hongkong can make it: at least Hongkong can make a wide variety of goods which compare favourably with similar products from other parts of the world, and our local manufacturers deserve all the encouragement that can be given them to pursue and intensify their enterprises. Yet there is still room for more initiative and more encouragement. It is, for example, astonishing that with so many and diverse industries established here that no permanent exhibition hall exists. Hongkong is daily being visited by business men, purchasing agents, and representatives of wholesale firms, seeking to discover just what our local manufacturers have to offer. There is no central point to which they can turn for information or display. They must go through the laborious process of thumbing through trade or telephone directories, visit factories (where it is impossible to display finished products at their best) and generally speaking waste a lot of precious time (for many of them are here only for a few hours) to glean information which should be readily and handsomely available at some central point.

The industrial importance of Hongkong has now developed to a stage where a permanent exhibition hall would undoubtedly produce increased orders that would more than repay the initial construction expenditure and maintenance costs. And associated with such a hall there must be an Information Bureau through which visitors could obtain quick and accurate information as to the location of factories, their production facilities, their comparative prices with overseas manufacturers, and so on. This department, in due course, could be expanded to include a Hongkong Travel Bureau, by which the casual business visitor would not only be able to obtain immediate information affecting his official activities, but which could also give him ready and helpful guidance for the spending of his leisure time here. The cost of establishing such a centre, must, of course, be borne by the interested industrialists. It could easily be accomplished through a co-operative scheme. Secondly, Government would have to assist by making available a proper site. The obvious one is the area bounded by Nathan Road, Middle Road and Salisbury Road, where the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Fair is held. Admittedly it is one of the most valuable sites in Kowloon, but the undertaking suggested could become most important and valuable to the future welfare of the Colony. The assignment of part of this area, therefore, is not likely to be a bad investment from the official point of view. Industrial Hongkong is an accomplished fact, but this new development of the Colony's life needs careful nurturing, allied with brave enterprise on a wide scale. Hongkong can make it, but Hongkong must also advertise it, and one of the most effective means of so doing would be the presence here of a central trade exhibition hall and information bureau.

## HOW THE TRUCULENT WAS SUNK

### Captain Of Swedish Tanker Tells Story

#### VAIN EFFORT TO STEER CLEAR

London, Jan. 26. Two helmsmen struggled in vain to steer the Swedish tanker Divina clear of the Royal Navy submarine Truculent, a public hearing was told today. The two vessels collided on the night of January 12 in the Thames estuary, sinking the submarine with the loss of 64 of the 79 on board.

The log of the Divina's skipper, Captain Carl Hommerberg, was read this morning at an inquiry into the disaster by the Swedish Consul General.

Captain Hommerberg's log said that the Divina's pilot spotted green and white lights approaching from about 15 to 20 degrees off the Port bow at about 7 p.m.

### Surprise For Sewage Cleaners

London, Jan. 26. Three cleaners walking through the streets under the city streets today were surprised to find a car which had been parked in the street. The car was a 1940 model and was found to be a 1940 model. The car was found to be a 1940 model. The car was found to be a 1940 model.

The log continued: "As the bearings did not change appreciably, the pilot gave the order to steer to Starboard, which was done."

As the approaching vessel bore up to the Divina, the order was given to put her to Starboard. As the vessel was steered by the helm, the second mate, who was watching, failed to help the helmsman.

While occupied with this at about 7.05 p.m., the Divina collided with the submarine Truculent, which afterwards turned out to be the English submarine Truculent. The Truculent sank almost immediately.

Captain Hommerberg said that he had been told by the pilot that the submarine was a 1940 model. He had been told by the pilot that the submarine was a 1940 model. He had been told by the pilot that the submarine was a 1940 model.

As we thought we had hit only a very small vessel we believed that the crew had been picked up by the British ship, and our lifeboat was taken on board. Captain Hommerberg said.

One hour later we heard shouts from the water and the lifeboat was launched again. This time it picked up four men from the Truculent.

These were among the 30 to 40 men who escaped from the sinking submarine through 42 feet of water in life belts and oxygen masks. Most of them were swept to sea, on the outgoing tide without being spotted by surface ships in the area.

Captain Hommerberg said that he had tried several times to get in touch with the submarine, but was unsuccessful. He had tried several times to get in touch with the submarine, but was unsuccessful. He had tried several times to get in touch with the submarine, but was unsuccessful.

The British Admiralty announced last night that a court martial will try Lieutenant Bowers on a charge that he lost the Truculent negligently or by default.

### SECRET INQUIRY

The Admiralty has conducted its own secret inquiry into the disaster. No findings have been made public. The Truculent still lies at the bottom of the Estuary in about 50 feet of water. The Royal Navy plans to raise it when weather and tidal conditions permit.

Before proceedings began today, H. C. Sweden, appearing for the ship's owners, protested that the Consul General's public inquiry was "unfair to all concerned" at this time and asked that it be adjourned until the proceedings by the British Admiralty against the Divina's owners was heard in the British High Court.

The Swedish Consul-General, Magnus Hallenberg, chairman of the inquiry, rejected Mr Sweden's request. He said today's proceedings were to ascertain the facts about the collision and "not to ascertain guilt or innocence."

Mr Hallenberg said that the findings would be reported to the Swedish Board of Trade in accordance with Swedish custom.

At the start of the hearing witnesses and spectators stood in silence at Mr Hallenberg's request to honour the memory of the Truculent's dead. The Swedish Consul-General expressed his country's "deepest sympathy" with the bereaved. Associated Press.

### WRIT FOR DAMAGES

London, Jan. 26. The Admiralty announced today that it had issued a writ for damages in the British High Court against the owners of the Swedish ship, Divina, which was involved in the collision with the submarine Truculent in the Thames Estuary on January 12.

The Truculent sank with the loss of 64 lives after the collision.

The Admiralty writ claimed damages for the loss of the effects of naval and civilian officers and crew in the Truculent. Reuter.



### General Election

## PUNTERS FAVOUR LABOUR

London, Jan. 26.—Gambling odds on the Labour Party to win the general election on February 23 shortened to 4 to 7 today.

Douglas Stuart, one of the biggest bookmakers in Britain, told reporters there has been a steady stream of bets favouring Labour since he made the party a 4 to 6 favourite two weeks ago.

Odds against Mr Winston Churchill's Conservatives held steady at 5 to 4. Mr Churchill himself, however, continued as the slight betting favourite to be the next Prime Minister of Britain. He is 11 to 8 in Stuart's book compared with 6 to 4 against Mr Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister.

### LIBERALS' PREFERENCE

Bettors seem to think that the Liberal Party, third strongest in Britain, would prefer Mr Churchill to Mr Attlee in the event of a close finish leading to the formation of a coalition government.

Odds against the other leading possibilities for Prime Minister: Herbert Morrison, 4 to 1. Anthony Eden, Leader of the Conservatives, 5 to 1. Health Minister Aneurin Bevan and Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, 10 to 1.

You can still get 500 to 1 against Willie Gallacher, leader of the Communist Party's two man bloc in the House of Commons. Associated Press.

### LIBERALS ADAMANT

London, Jan. 26.—The Liberal Party, which is third largest in Britain, on Thursday rejected Winston Churchill's personal appeal for an anti-Socialist combine of Conservatives and Liberals in next month's general elections.

In spite of its poor showing at the 1945 election and the prospects that it will run third again this time, the Liberal Party issued a pamphlet "Why Liberals Oppose Tories", which said: "The people of this country do not need to jump into the fire to escape the frying pan."

(The Labour Party was described as the frying pan, the Conservatives as the fire, the United Press.

The damaged Divina entering Sheerness after her collision with the British submarine Truculent. — London Express Service.

## "Terrific Explosion" On Mars Reported

Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jan. 26. — A worldwide watch of the planet Mars has been ordered by scientists following reports of a "terrific explosion" there on January 10.

World Director Walter Haas, of the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers, said the work is being concentrated in Germany, where the planet can be observed better.

Mr Haas, University of New Mexico mathematics instructor, said he had received a report on the explosion from a Japanese member of the Association.

The reported explosion pushed a greyish cloud 60 miles in the air and the explosion diameter was measured at approximately 900 miles, the scientist said.

He described the height and colour of the cloud as "remarkable." Mr Haas said the reported explosion was not visible in the United States, because of the position of Mars at the time.

He said Japanese scientists at the Osaka Municipal Planetarium observed the event through an eight-inch reflector.

### GREY BULGE

Quoting Tsunso Saheki, Mr Haas said the Japanese observers noted a grey bulge on the south edge of Mars on January 10. The position at which the observation was made was latitude 58 South and Longitude 202 degrees.

Saheki wrote to Mr Haas that the explosion was sighted 100 kilometres (about 60 miles) above the planet. Diameter of the explosion was placed at about 900 miles.

The University of New Mexico scientist said, "We have often seen white or yellow projections on Mars, but nothing of that sort has been seen since 1933."

He ventured the explosion was, probably due to volcanic ash which he described as a "rare event." He added the ash presumably had been pro-

## US Military Chiefs' Attitude To Formosa

Washington, Jan. 26. — United States military chiefs told Senate foreign policy leaders today that they did not favour American military intervention to save Formosa, the last big stronghold of the Chinese Nationalists.

This was announced by Mr Tom Connally, Senator and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, to which the military chiefs gave their views. The defence Secretary, Mr Louis Johnson, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Omar Bradley, had a three-hour closed-door session with the Committee.

Mr Connally said that the military leaders expressed the view that "while Formosa is of strategic significance to the United States if in the hands of an enemy, in the view of the Joint Chiefs of Staff its significance would not warrant the use of our armed forces to occupy it."

### NO CONFLICT

He quoted Mr Johnson and General Bradley as saying that at no time had the Joint Chiefs of Staff or the Department of Defence recommended the occupation of Formosa by the United States.

Mr Johnson had "strongly pointed out" that there had been no conflict between the Departments of Defence and State about "basic policy objectives in that area," he added.

Mr Connally said that President Truman's statement on January 5 that the United States would not intervene militarily in the Formosa situation was approved and confirmed by the Defence Department.

Answering reporters' questions, Mr Connally said that the question of sending a limited amount of arms aid to Formosa had not been raised at the meeting. Reuter.

## 14 Years For Selling Secrets

Berne, Jan. 26.—Emil Stenbor, 60-year-old official of the Swiss Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs, was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment by a court martial here today for selling secret telegrams of foreign Legations in Berne to the French Secret Service.

Stenbor said in evidence that he first began selling telegrams to the French in 1924 because his wife did not allow him enough pocket money. He was sentenced to pay a fine amounting to 14,160 Swiss francs and will be deprived of all civil rights for 10 years after his release. Reuter.

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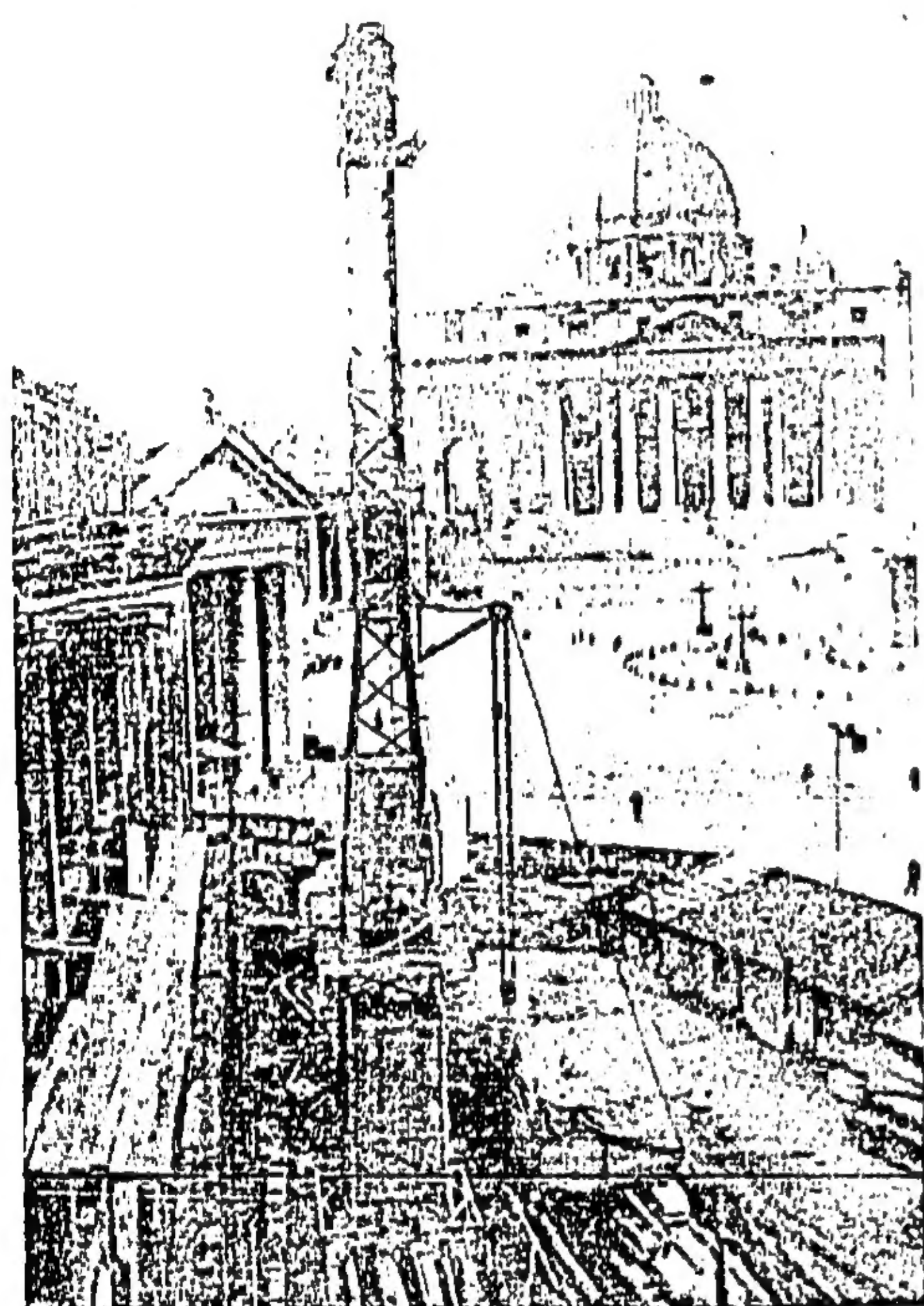
**BABY-SITTER AT WORK**—Wayne Adcock, aged four, of Glendale, California, tests the temperature of a bottle for his three-week-old sister at the New York International Airport. They had just arrived with their parents from a six-month visit to England.



**IT REALLY HAS THE FLUID DRIVE**—Patrolman Joseph Harthub and a wrecker prepare to rescue the almost totally submerged car of Guy Arnett, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Arnett parked atop the public landing by the Ohio River, and the car accidentally plunged into the river. To add insult to injury, Arnett got a ticket for improper parking.



**PRACTICE FOR THE ORANGE BOWL**—Florida's crop of 61,000,000 boxes of oranges is almost as impressive as its annual crop of beauty queens. Brenda Parkinson, shown here in Miami, was an aspirant for Queen of the Orange Bowl, and she seems to have the requirements.



**GETTING READY FOR THE RUSH**—Rome is still busy to receive the pilgrims who will visit the city to celebrate Holy Year. Two hotels, to accommodate 1,200 pilgrims each, are being constructed at the end of the square facing the Basilica of St. Peter's, and work on them should be completed in April.



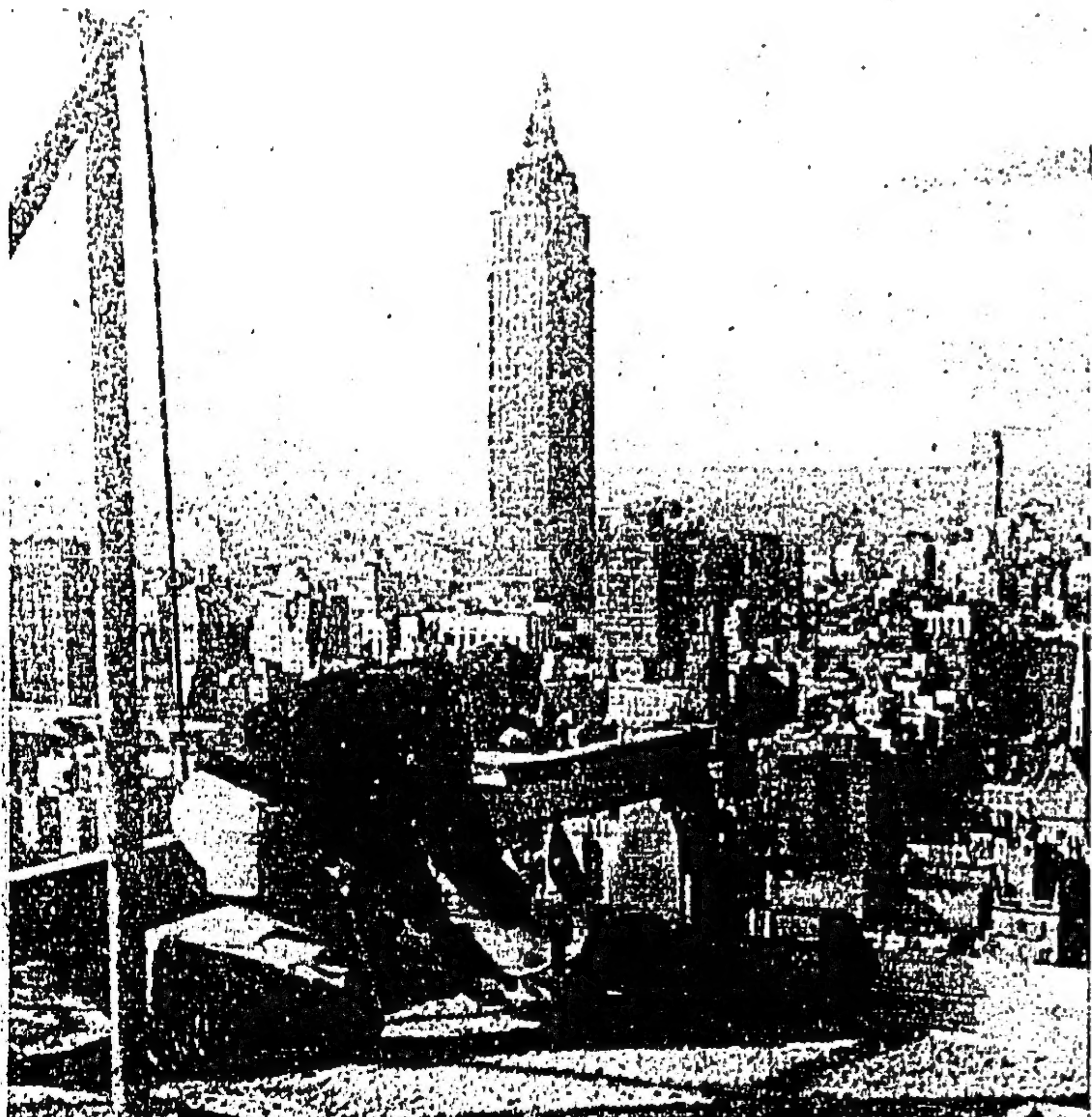
**YOUNG CHAMP**—Richard D. Chapman, Jr., seven-year-old son of the former United States amateur champion, inspects his putting chances in a junior golf tournament played in Pinehurst, North Carolina. The memorial trophy for young players was sponsored by the city's Chamber of Commerce.



**JANUARY VIOLETS**—Violets bloom on the lilac skirt of this winter resort dress. Made of woven cotton that boasts the look of linen, the dress has button-front bodice and an applied floral spray.



**CAN YOU DO IT ON SNOW?**—Would Martha Mitchell look like this on a snowy, cold mountainside? Could Buddy Boyle have Martha on his shoulders and ski at the same time? They're doing it on water skis at Cypress Gardens, Florida.



**SHAPING UP A NEW HORIZON**—A workman high above Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive, in New York's 42-story U.N. Secretariat Building, has a private view of the scene which will soon be admired by world planners. Towering in the background is the Empire State Building.



**PREHISTORIC CAMP SITE IN NEBRASKA**—This human dwelling site discovered in the southwest part of the state of Nebraska, reveals a connection between the prehistoric people who lived here and those near Plainview, Texas. Crude weapons and cooking utensils were left by the settlers of 5,000 years ago.



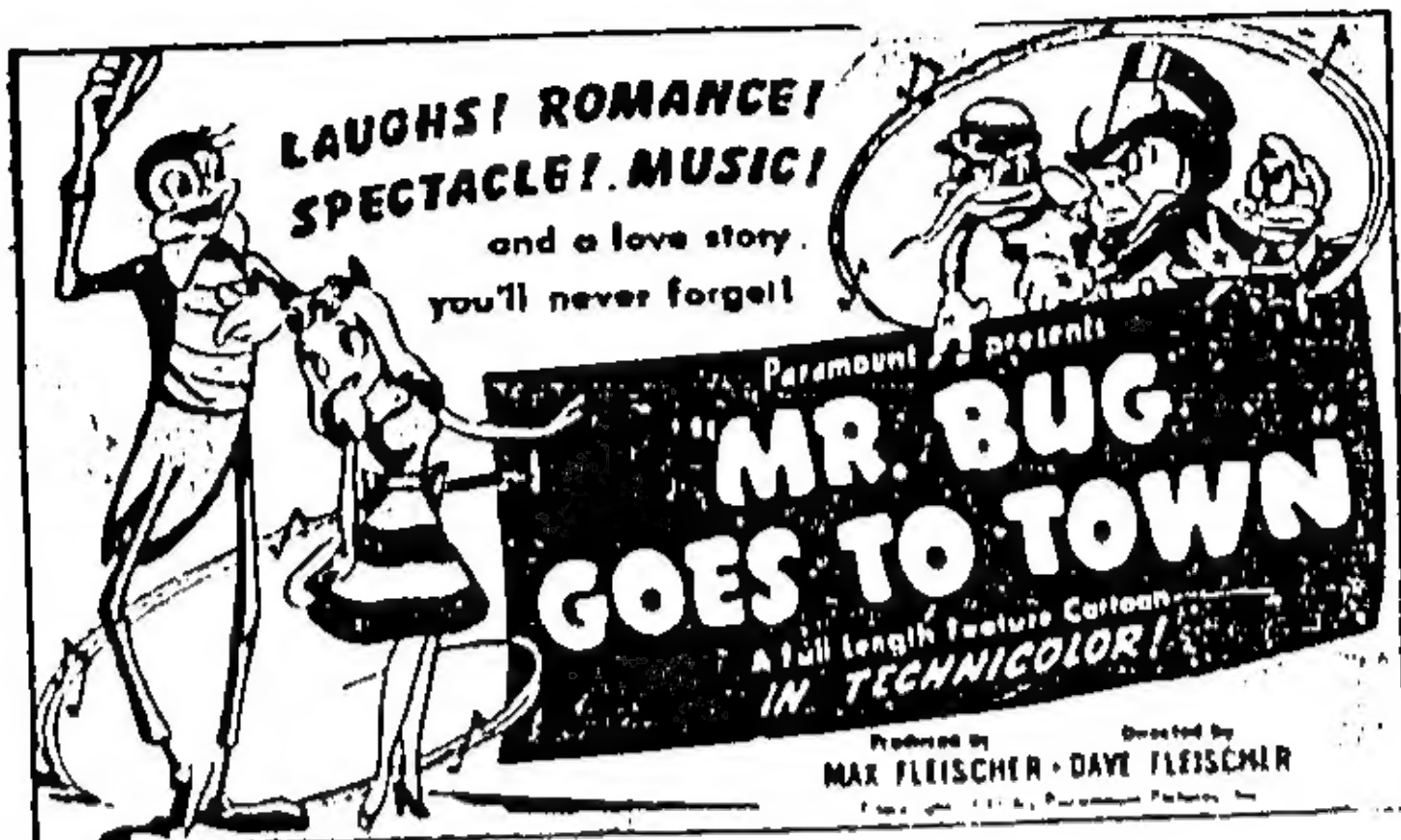
**ANOTHER ORPHAN**—The latest addition to the zoo in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is this four-day-old leopard cub. His mother didn't want him, so he's being cared for by the director of the zoo. The eight-ounce baby demands to be fed every two hours.



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# East-West Dance Contrasts At Alexandra Palace

LONDON. MIRABAI, famous Indian dancer, stood silhouetted in an archway, looking like a Hindu statue. Somewhere in the background sounded the click of castanets and the staccato beat of a Spanish dance. Two diminutive, brilliantly attired figures from Indonesia lit candles in preparation for a traditional Sumatran dance, looking slightly out of place beside a tall ballerina in a pink tutu. Or did those long, muscular, ballet dancer's legs in pink net lights look out of place?

Rehearsals were in full swing at Alexandra Palace, the home of British television, for a programme entitled "Four Dances". It was a contrast between East and West—styles of dancing indigenous to India, Indonesia, and Sumatra, and the Western style of ballet. The programme was to be broadcast on television on Saturday night, January 28, at 8.15 p.m.

Matru Bhutan opened the show by announcing that he was the voice of India—"mysterious, yet perhaps not so unfathomable," and we heard the music of India. Damayanti sat on an Indian carpet playing the cups and producing a clear, tinkling melody. As she came to the end, Mirabai appeared and danced "Kathak," a dance from the North of India.

"The East and the West are meeting harmoniously tonight," said the voice of the narrator.

Two Indonesians, who were watching the study in dance contrasts with the eyes of the Western world, and to me the Eastern dancing was infinitely superior, chiefly because the slow, sinuous movements, performed with great deliberation, must be perfect in order to succeed. I was conscious that there were centuries of ancient tradition behind each of these poses, both in the Indian and the Javanese dances.

After the performance I met Raden Mas Gelong, an Indonesian dancer who came to this country with the idea of starting a school of Indonesian dancing here. He personally conducted the Indonesian study, and a very badly organized, as he would have been, a school of dancing in a box and a part of the programme, and a woman, he said, was a woman.

Palace had no connection with the finished performance, which ran to split-second timing. One was the sight of an exotic Indian dancer clad in a sweater and voluminous white cotton trousers caught at the ankle, scowling fiercely at all and sundry. Another was when a technician, trailing cables and cameras behind him, tripped over one of Damayanti's cups and caused a mild panic in case he had broken it. The best was when Angelo Andes clicked his castanets in rage and munched his erring partner out of the studio. And all the while the patient Indonesians, looking like temple dancers from Bali, watched the future with great amusement and complete impassivity.



Raden Mas Harto dancing the Sumatra Candle Dance.

BY JOAN ERSKINE

WHILE rehearsal went on, the harmony was a little disturbed. As Mirabai came to the end of her dance and prepared to sit on the floor, the music on the part of her instrumentalists, her voice was drowned by the sudden sharp click of heels as Angelo Andes and company

came in a school of Indonesian dancing here. He personally conducted the Indonesian study, and a very badly organized, as he would have been, a school of dancing in a box and a part of the programme, and a woman, he said, was a woman.

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'This Socialist handbook for wooing the nation at the General Election suffers from a split mind'

## The situation is critical, but—everything in the garden is lovely

WHERE understanding is complete there is little need for words. Many a marriage has been arranged with words so few and simple as "shall we?" "Yes." But when understanding is far from complete there is need of many words, sometimes, indeed, of a go-between, a marriage broker.

I have been reading the Speaker's Handbook, just issued by the Socialist Party. With this book it seeks to woo the nation at the next election. The book has many words, 500 pages of them, and this suggests that understanding is not complete.

I remember very vividly the Parliament of 1929-1931, with a Socialist Government in office. In that Government we had three Ministers responsible for handling unemployment—Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. George Lansbury and Sir Oswald Mosley. Throughout their rule unemployment soared.

I am a writer, and I know that every time Mr. Thomas made another speech the figure went up by another half-million. I used to be a stock joke that every time Mr. Thomas made another speech the figure went up by another half-million.

Now that Socialist Government was passionately concerned to prevent unemployment. But Governments, whatever their political complexion, cannot prevent unemployment, though they may mitigate its effects a little. If the economic position of the country does not permit it to buy from abroad the raw materials it needs to sustain full employment.

Conservative, Socialist, Liberal—every Independent—whatever the Government be matters not at all if that primary condition be not satisfied.

RULING CLASS THE question is whether it will be or not. All present indications are that it will not.

Only a big increase in production will prevent unemployment coming. We shall not get that on the basis of our present hours or pace of work, or the maintenance of the restrictive practices of the past.

I do not know who wrote the foreword to this book, but I suspect either Mr. Shaw or Mr. Bevin. For it breathes the ferocious animosity we have come to expect from them.

Says the foreword, "...the ruling class will be making their last stand. Defeat for them means final eclipse. I do not know exactly what that means, but it is ominously reminiscent of Hitler's 'Heads will roll'."

There is always a ruling class. But on the whole the mark of our ruling class for a long time past has been de-mocratic tolerance.

If it had not been so the Socialist Party could never have attained to power.

Whatever Government emerges after the election, it will have to face the same hard facts. And the penalty for failure will be the same—widespread unemployment, a sharply lowered standard of life, and the loss of our national freedom and independence.

## How to cure a cold in one day

by PAUL BRICKHILL

THE spectacular cold-killing pills that are now reported to be sweeping the U.S. have been on sale in Britain for seven months. You can walk into almost any chemist's shop and buy them over the counter.

I went into a London chemist's and bought a tin of them for 4s. as easily as buying a toothbrush.

I asked the chemist if he knew these were the cold-cure pills.

"Yes," he said. "I asked if any people bought them here as cold-cure pills. 'Oh, a few,' he said. 'They are sold about their probable to their doctors.'"

I wanted to know why these cold-killing pills hadn't been made publicly known, and he said:

"These are 'ethical' drugs, not proprietary ones. It's only the proprietary medicines that advertise. Ethical products never say publicly what they're for. It isn't done."

There ARE two types of the cold-killing pills in British chemist shops. One is called "Anthon," and the other is "Benadryl." They are much the same thing.

In the tin I bought were 25 green pills about the size of aspirin—enough it is said to cure eight colds.

They are not sold in Britain as cold-cure pills, as in the U.S.A. but as an anti-histamine drug to treat a variety of ailments arising from excess of histamine in the system.

Histamine is a chemical in the body which can cause extreme irritation such as with prickly heat.

So far no publicity-conscious proprietary drug house has been able to market a form of the anti-histamine drug.

The pills I bought are the potential substance that started the boom in the U.S.

not getting a cold. In the morning the cold had vanished.

Captain Brewster experienced further. All symptoms of a cold vanished in 30 percent of his patients—given anti-histamine drugs within the first hour of the onset of symptoms.

There was 87 percent complete relief in patients treated within two hours of the onset, 74 percent within six hours of onset, and 70 percent cure in patients treated within 12 hours.

In patient treated too late the cold was arrested in from three to five days.

Just vanishes IN HIS report Captain Brewster says: "The abortion of the common cold is so truly unique it must be experienced to be appreciated."

No one seems quite certain whether the cold is completely cured or not. All they can be certain about is that every sign of the cold just vanishes.

But, before long, we probably won't be able to buy these anti-histamine drugs in any British chemist.

The makers have applied for them to be put on the poisons list, and they expect this to be done any day now.

They want to prevent abuses of its use. Its actions are not completely known yet and excess use might lead to serious trouble.

"A poison" REASON IS that the drug side-effects like gastric upset, sleepiness, giddiness, mild

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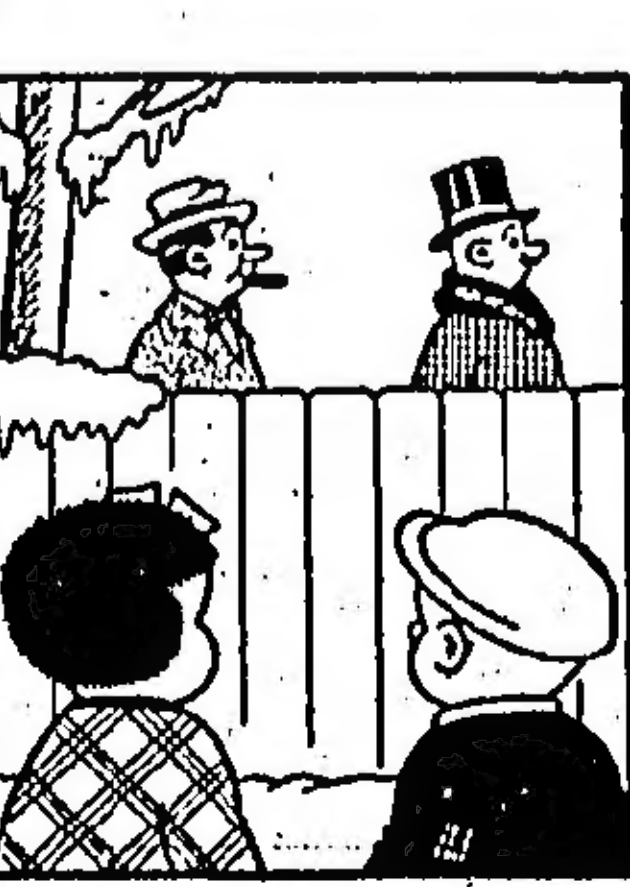
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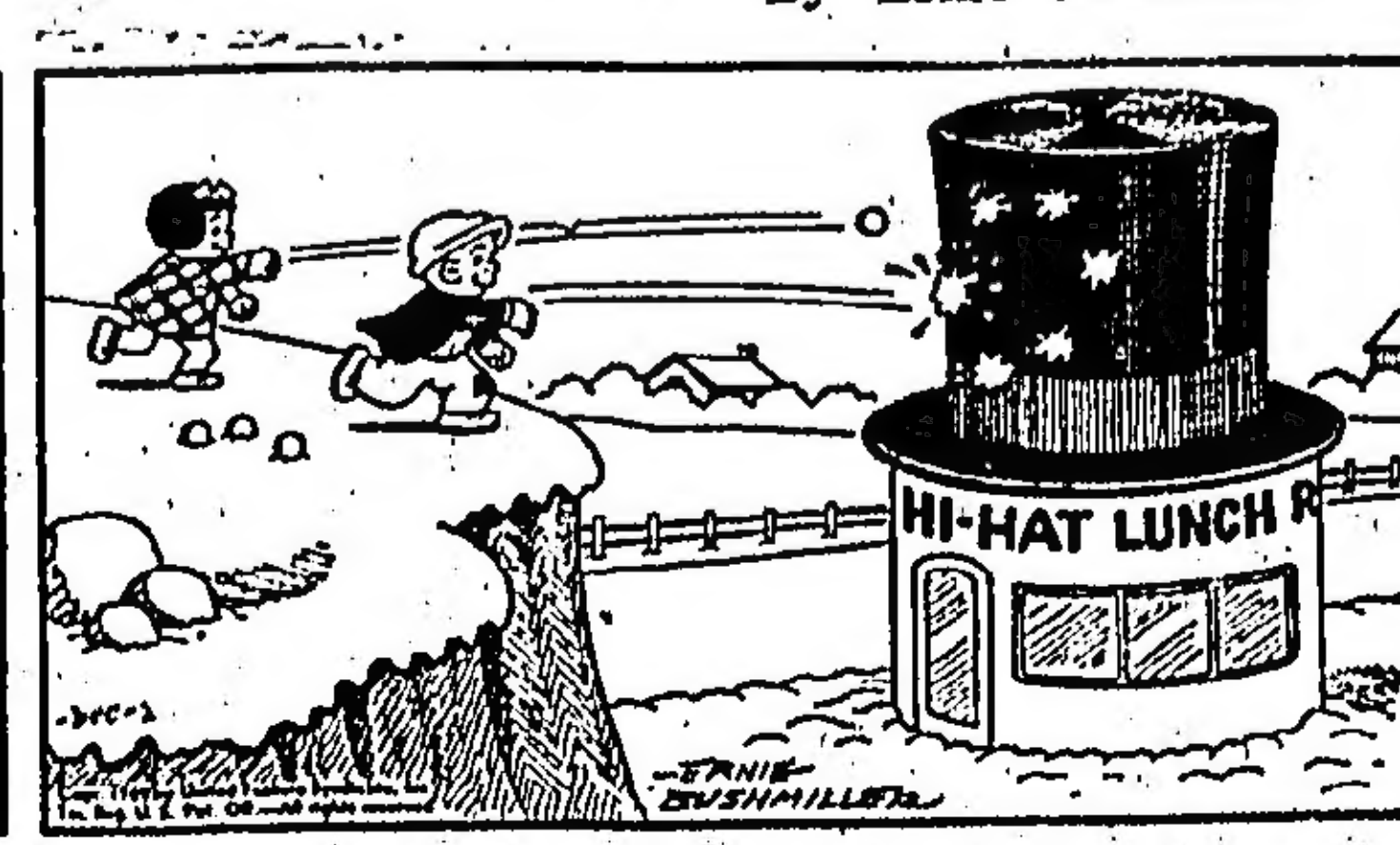
NANCY Over the Plate



By Ernie Bushmiller



By Ernie Bushmiller





## THREE-MILE QUEUE OF LORRIES IN BERLIN BLOCK

Helmstedt, Jan. 26. — A three-mile queue of German lorries waited on each side of the international boundary here today while a British and a Soviet officer met in the red-flagged Soviet border guard-house to discuss the traffic slow-down.

German lorry drivers told reporters that the East German police had said that they had orders to let a maximum of 60 lorries a day through the Marienborn control point in the Soviet Zone.

## BRITAIN'S SECRET PROJECT

London, Jan. 26. — British Ministers of Defence are spending £60,000,000 on an arms project which is so secret that it will not even talk about it to Parliament.

Testimony before the House of Commons. Select Committee on Estimates made public today revealed that the Ministry would not disclose whether the Ministry of Supply which handles atomic research was involved.

There were indications, however, that atomic development was not the top secret project. Ministry of Supply officials were not called to testify.

The Committee on Estimates, investigating government expenditure, published its report yesterday.

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But the British officer refused to disclose the outcome of his talks. He said that he had orders to treat the discussions as confidential.

"Nobody can say whether we may expect an improvement in the present traffic situation," he added.

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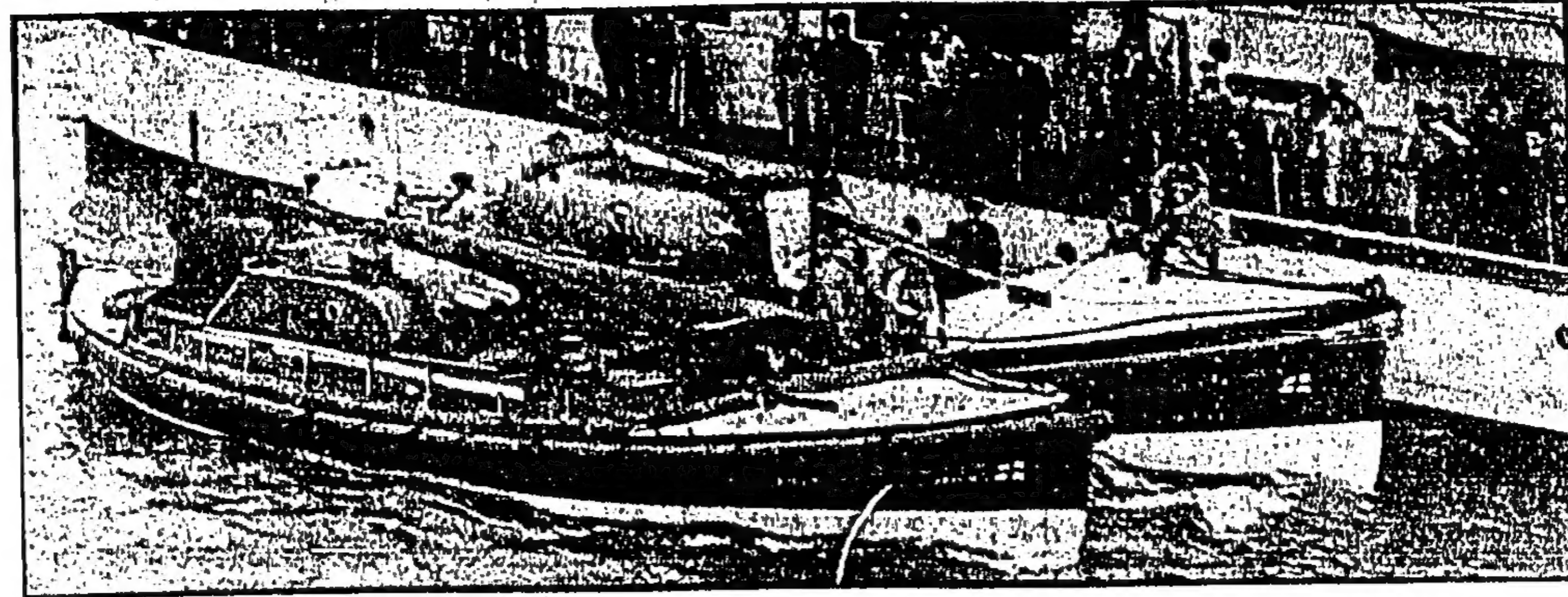
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## Britain Doing Her Share

New York, Jan. 26. — Thomas Finletter, former head of the FCA mission to the United Kingdom, today decried disparaging talk about Britain's recovery efforts and assured business men "Britain is doing her full share."

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## Westerling Stunt Upsets Rubber

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Jan. 27. — Captain Westerling's operations in Indonesia are viewed with pessimism by the London rubber market which regards them as a further aggravation of the already unsettled situation in the Far East rubber-producing countries.

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## BID FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE

Geneva, Jan. 26. — The Palestine Conciliation Commission hopes to arrange direct negotiations between Arabs and Israelis on limited practical questions on which agreement may be possible, informed sources said today.

The Commission favours acceptance of the demand by the Arab countries at the peace talks here that it turn from conciliation to mediation.

This means that the Commission itself would formulate proposals for consideration by both sides, instead of simply transmitting those made by one to the other, as it has done hitherto.

Because the Arabs have refused to sit at the same conference table with the Israelis, the two factions have done all their negotiating through the Commission since the peace talks began in Lausanne last April.

One of the first issues to iron out will be the problem of the Latrun Road, 30-mile highway between Jerusalem and Jaffa-Tel-Aviv of which a small section, about a mile long, is held by Jordan. If the Commission could persuade road experts of both Israel and Jordan to meet here, together, there might be some agreement reached whereby Jordan would surrender its salient in return for financial or other concessions from Israel.

A similar question arose during the armistice discussions when the Jews and Jordanese reached a compromise agreement on the road through the Arab town of Tulkarm.

The Commission is said to feel that mediation offers a better chance of success if continued by small, tangible questions rather than if it deals with general principles.

Before undertaking mediation, however, the Commission would want to understand that it will only mediate when it sees a prospect of mutual agreement. Members expect to have their first meeting on Friday with Gideon Rappaport, the Israeli delegate. His reaction to the proposed mediation will largely influence the Commission's decision on whether to adopt this procedure. — United Press.

## QUEEN MARY'S GESTURE

London, Jan. 26. — Dowager Queen Mary, 82-year-old mother of the King, entered Britain's quest for dollars today by giving the nation a carpet she had made herself to be sold as a contribution to the dollar export drive.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, accepted the carpet on behalf of the nation.

The Dowager Marchioness of Reading, head of a British women's group, said that Queen Mary's gesture would "attract the sentiments of everyone throughout the United Kingdom."

Mr. Vincent Tewson, the Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, said that the gift was "every symbol of a time when we have to close the dollar gap."

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## Burma Hopes For Peace Within A Year

London, Jan. 26. — The members of the Burma National Union, a group of Burmese nationalists, today expressed their hope that peace would be achieved within a year.

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## De Gasperi Forms New Cabinet

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## Tax Increase In Philippines Foreshadowed

Manila, Jan. 26. — The Philippine government is expected to announce a tax increase in the near future.

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## INGRID FILES SUIT

Los Angeles, Jan. 26. — Ingrid Bergman today filed a suit for divorce from Peter Lindstrom.

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## Peking Protest To Thailand

London, Jan. 26. — The Chinese government today protested to the Thai government against the Thai government's actions in the Far East.



League Cricket

ALL HOPES THIS WEEK  
WILL BE ON IRC  
BEATING THE ARMY

BY "RECORDER"

Though Army stand a point ahead of Scorpions in the race for the Senior Division Championship of the Cricket League — presuming that Scorpions win both their postponed matches—the position at the top of the table does not permit them a draw in their meeting with the Indian Recreation Club on the latter's ground at Sookunpoo tomorrow afternoon.

All hopes will be centred on the Indians—at full strength—being able to upset Army. The Indians are capable of the feat and all that is required is that their batting and bowling are at their best.

On the Chater Road ground another needle match in the Championship race will be played in the meeting of Scorpions and Revereio. A victory for either side will leave the winners only in a challenging position to Army. A draw would be disastrous for either side.

With Kitchell and Madar in form with the bat and late and with several other potential high scorers in the side in such as A. R. Abbas and A. H. Baker, the Indians stand a chance of a comfortable score against the Army on their home ground.

The IRC wicket seldom plays tricks on a batting side and much will depend on the bowlers in form tomorrow. Army's Corfield and Mitchell have been showing signs of staleness. IRC can usually depend on Minu and the other bowlers in the side are noted for the fact that they come off in turn with a respectable performance, particularly at home.

BATSMEN'S CHANCE

Optimists and Craignewen's batsmen should move up in the averages this week as a result of the meeting of these two clubs at Happy Valley. Craignewen's team looks much better but it lacks an Arthy-Kibee opening pair and that in itself may rob them of victory. Whatever else Craignewen lacks in its attack, it is not short of variety and someone may be found to take care of their opponents' expensive first wicket.

Last week, an early season hope in the Valley club's bowling department, H. Green, came off with an analysis of 5 for 13 against Army (including Derbyshire and Gravesend), and there are hopes that he may keep it up as he seems finally to have found his form.

Both Billimoria and Tommy Crabtree are showing signs also of pulling themselves together and everybody may finally come off to give Craignewen their first victory.

However, Craignewen's scoring machine, though it went

out of gear last week, should find the Optimists' bowling not unplayable and a high-scoring game is very likely.

TWO MORE

Commandos take on the University and KCC the Navy at Cox's Road in the other two Senior Division matches. The Commandos will probably be short of Oakley, but there are other batsmen in the side who could stand up to the University's bowling as it is this season. Graves, Briggs and Griffin may find one of two University batsmen difficult to dislodge but they are a strong enough bowling combination to dismiss the underdogs for a little over three figures.

KCC have too much power for the Navy, but there is no saying what Grant will do. But or White with the ball may do.

SECOND DIVISION

KCC Juniors, Second Division leaders, meet Navy, the tail-enders, in what should be a one-sided game. Commandos, who stand second, take on the University at Pokfulam. There is no predicting what will happen here.

King George V School are at home to the RAF and this should be the closest game in the division. Revereio take in the division's giant-killers, the Dockyard.

HOW THEY STAND

RAF	12	0	5	1	29
Scorpions	10	6	3	1	26
Revereio	11	6	3	2	26
Optimists	12	3	5*	4	18
KCC	11	3	4*	4	17
University	9	3	2	4	14
R. Navy	11	2	3	6	11
IRC	11	2	2	7	10
Commandos	10	2	1	7	9
CCC	11	0	7	4	7

SECOND DIVISION				
Team	P	W	D	Pts
KCC	9	7	1	30
Commandos	9	6	3	24
Revereio	10	6	4	24
KGVs	9	5	4	20
IRC	10	4	2	18
Dockyard	10	3	2	15
RAF	7	3	1	13
University	10	2	2	10
Navy	10	2	8	8

\*Includes 2 pts for tied games.

TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent their clubs in league and friendly games this week-end:

Revereio 1st XI v Scorpions: Chatter 1st, tomorrow—A. M. Frata (Capt.), A. M. Rodriguez, E. L. Gosano, H. L. Osoyo, E. M. L. Soares, P. M. N. de Silva, L. G. Gosano, M. D. Remedios, G. A. Beltrao, R. F. Soares, C. A. Gutierrez, Umpire—A. V. Gosano.

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CUP TIE THRILL



R. Lewis, Arsenal inside-left, beats McIntosh, Sheffield Wednesday goal-keeper, only to see Swift, Sheffield Wednesday left back, head off the goal line, and make a brilliant save in the third round Cup tie match at Highbury which Arsenal won 1-0.

Golf Is Being Played  
Far Better Today

Golf today is "far, far better" than 40 years ago. The man who says so certainly should know—James Braid, five times Open Champion, who will be 80 on February 6. "That, says he, is only because of the better clubs, which seem to me to make the game easier."

Braid, professional at Walton Heath since 1904, has no thoughts of retiring. He hopes to do his usual birthday round, and "I'll beat my age all right, I've just done another round of the course in 73."

The club has planned a celebration dinner and presentation. £800 has already been raised towards the £1,000 sought.

Braid, from Evesham, began his big golf career a little later in life than his great rivals J.H. Taylor, 79 last month, and the late Harry Vardon. His skill as a joiner turned his mind to club-making, and professional golf followed.

He won his championships between 1901 and 1910.

JONES, JONES AND JONES

Cliff Jones, playing for Swansea Schools against West Ham boys in the English Schools Shield has football blood in him. His father is Ivor Jones, his uncle Bryn Jones, both internationals, and both like the boy inside-right.

The match was played on West Ham United ground on January 21. Jones and three other Swansea boys have already played for Young Wales.

The "Young Hammers" are undefeated this season in senior matches. Three of the defenders, goalkeeper A. Turner, left-back F. Cooper, and right half D. Glover, have been awarded Essex county caps. Cooper played for the English Junior international side last season.

SWEETS OF VICTORY

Long, long ago—even before the present councillors of the club—were born—the forerunners of the Kingstonian footballers were playing soccer of a strange sort.

A history of the club tells the story, slightly uncorroborated. The townfolk, it seems, fought a battle with the Danes. In the Danish leader's fall, his head made a most satisfactory football for the people, flushed as they were with recent victory. It is recalled.

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Shrove Tuesday football was held annually in commemoration of the victory over the Danes until 80 years ago. An alternative tradition goes back to the year 784 AD. The retainers of a murdered king returned to Kingston after avenging his death and played football with the murderer's head.

And nobody was suspended.

KARIM AND COMPANY

Headed by Mahmood of Karim, the Open Champion, 33 professionals will play in the Dunlop squash racket tournament to be held on February 13-17, with the final on February 20.

The winner of the tournament receives £80; the runner-up

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£40; semi-finals £20, with smaller sums for others.

All the leading professionals have entered, including A. E. Biddle, British professional champion and Haydn Davies, Glamorgan county wicket-keeper.

COACHING THE COACHES

The more courses for cricket coaches, in reason, the better. So I welcome the news that the Essex effort is to be followed—

Barry Appley



on February 3 to 5—by one on behalf of Middlesex.

Organisers: the Central Council of Physical Recreation in co-operation with Middlesex CC. Place: Bisham Abbey, near Marlow. Coaches: Jim Sims, Bill Brown and Alan Anderson, organiser of physical education for Surrey County Council. Cost: 50s. including board.

Forty men and six women are expected. Every club in Middlesex has been invited to send, and invitations are not limited to this county.

FARR STAYS AT HOME

Tommy Farr, former British Heavyweight Champion, and now a Brighton business man, declined today a report from Sydney, Australia, that he is making inquiries about emigrating there with his wife and three children. Farr is reported

TOP WEIGHT FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

London, Jan. 26.—Daninos, a French five-year-old owned by Marcel Bousquet, today was given top weight for the Lincolnshire Handicap, first big race of the English flat racing season.

Daninos was assigned 133 pounds for the one mile race which will be run at Lincoln on Saturday, March 10.

Yellow Adol, third in this race a year ago, was given second place in the weights with 120 pounds to 122 for Fair Judgment, last year's winner.—Associated Press.

OLD BOYS WIN

Lisbon, Jan. 26.—Novell's Old Boys, the South American soccer team, today defeated the Sporting Club of Covilha, by four goals to all at Covilha, a Portuguese industrial town, having led by three goals to nil at half-time.—Reuter.

IZBICE'S CHESS  
REPUTATION  
IS UPHELD

By "GAMBIT"

The ex-Champion of Izbice, Eugene Taus, the winning end of the biggest upset of the tournament for the Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club, defeated the ex-Champion of Trinidad, R. Sodi, in the sixth round of the tournament at Peninsula Hotel last night.

Though Borsodi largely contributed to himself with the risky Max Lange Attack, creditable victory with the black pieces for Taus thus upheld the honour of Izbice and the fact that villagers there know what to do against the Max Lange.

The defeat brings Borsodi back on a level with a score of 4-1 to H. Klinghardt, who adjourned his game against Johnny Corvalho after 21 moves by agreement. The game was a Sicilian Defence, Klinghardt having black, and the position was even at the adjournment.

Borsodi resigned against Taus on the 20th move after a forced exchange of a queen for a rook.

P. K. Froloppov came near to holding L. Schure, the defending Champion, who played the Dutch Defence to the QGD, having a slight advantage in the middle game after 40 moves when he insisted on trying for a win in a drawn position and lost a pawn and then the game.

The other matches—A. D. Tuskla v. V. Zitrinsky and R. C. Danenberg v. E. M. Marchetti—were postponed.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
E. Taus	4	1	4	1	4 1/2
R. W. Borsodi	4	1	4	1	4
H. Klinghardt	4	1	4	1	4
L. Schure	4	1	4	1	4
H. W. Carter	4	1	4	1	4
A. Biriukoff	3	2	3	2	3
E. M. Marchetti	2	1	2	2	2 1/2
J. Rumer	2	2	2	2	2
V. Zitrinsky	1	1	1	1	1 1/2
J. P. de Corvalho	1	1	1	1	1 1/2
A. Archangelisky	1	1	1	1	1 1/2
P. K. Froloppov	2	3	1	4	1
R. C. Danenberg	1	1	1	1	1
V. V. Kolchessoff	1	1	1	1	1
M. Feldman	1	1	1	1	1
A. D. Tuskla	1	1	1	1	1

New Zealand All Set  
To Stage The  
Empire Games

Auckland, New Zealand, Jan. 26.—New Zealand is all set to stage the Empire Games on February 4—11. Men and women from 12 countries are arriving in Auckland almost daily for the big contests in nine different sports from wrestling to bowls.

There are 540 entries, the biggest teams are from New Zealand and Australia. England has sent a team of 71.

Other competitors are from Canada, Ceylon, South Africa, Scotland, Nigeria, Fiji, Malaya, Rhodesia and Wales.

The Auckland Games will be the fourth series of British Empire competitions. They started at Hamilton, Ontario, in 1930. The last Games were in Sydney in 1938.

"EMPIRE VILLAGE"

Competitors are being housed in the "Empire Village" at Ardmore, 23 miles south of Auckland. This was an army camp during the war.

The competitors are happy about their quarters. They get flowers in their rooms and do not have to make the beds. The bed making is the chore of 62 volunteers from Ardmore College.

Cost of "boarding" the visitors is about £15,000. This has been kept down because local people are giving some of the food, flowers and services and the Air Force is lending bed linen, blankets and furniture.

LAVISH BOARD

The athletes and officials will dine in semi-buffet style and will have a wide choice of food. This is typical of the menu for one day.

Breakfast: pineapple juice, sliced bananas, stewed apples, baked cereal, John Dory fish, camp steak and onions, loin chops, pork sausages and chips, tomatoes and bacon, eggs (poached, fried or scrambled), bacon, toast, marmalade jam, honey.

Lunch: beef broth, veal and ham pie, cold beef, ham and pork, salads, boiled potatoes, green peas, fresh fruit salad, ice cream, cheese scones, assorted cakes.

Dinner: Fruit cocktail, roast chicken and bread sauce, pork and apple sauce, baked and boiled potatoes, green peas, French beans, ice cream sundae, apple pie and cream.

FILLING WITH PEOPLE

Auckland is rapidly filling with people who have come here to see the Games. At least 10,000, may be twice that number.

All hotels are booked and many of the visitors are being placed in private homes.

Track and field events will be held at Auckland's Eden Park, where there is room for 45,000 spectators.

Twenty-five thousand people will be able to watch track cycling events and the formal closing ceremony, the night of February 17.

The same number will be able to watch the rowing and the Newmarket Olympic Swimming Pool in the heart of the city has grandstand accommodation for 5,000.

Auckland's Town Hall, which seats 2,000, will be used for boxing and wrestling and 4,000 will be able to watch weight lifting in the concert chamber of the building.

New Zealand hopes to give the visitors a good time and that they will go home and boost the Dominion's tourist industry.—Associated Press.

FOOTBALL  
QUIZ OF  
THE RA

It was disclosed

Skinner at a Press conference of the Hongkong Football Association last night that a ball quiz over the radio both on the European and Chinese networks had been arranged by the Association very near future.

NEXT SEASON'S

Mr Skinner also arranged an attractive programme for the season, when four such as Norway, Sweden, Zealand, Spain or Holland be invited to play the teams. It was understood the New Zealand team accept the invitation here about March, before the start of the season.

It was also disclosed that the Hongkong team visited the Colony last night, three letters to the for their kind co-operation their visit here.

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British Drivers Seventh  
In Monte Carlo Rally

Monte Carlo, Jan. 26.—The British drivers, Sydney Allard and G. Warburton, won the braking and acceleration test of the Monte Carlo Rally and were lying seventh after the points for the 2,000



## FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

KENNEY  
BRIDGEBusiness Costs  
and Many Bids

JAM E. McKENNEY

The Mayfair Bridge in New York, which is being built by the J. P. Fishbein Co., is a complete success unless it is a failure in the eyes of the public. The bridge is a masterpiece of engineering and architecture, and it is a pity that it is not more widely known.

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## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

If you are born today, your ambitions are high and nothing short of the top will satisfy you. You want position and money and knowing one brings the other, you are willing to work hard to acquire both. You let nothing stand in the way of your progress and you must learn to temper your ambitions with kindness or you may become rather ruthless.

Strangely enough, there is a peculiar streak of almost laziness in your nature. You dislike doing any manual work and you will go the long way around to avoid it. You may use more time and energy trying to figure out by brainwork, how to shirk physical labour than it would take to do it in the first place.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)**—A trip by air to some distant place is smiled upon today. Meeting new people can prove exciting.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 21)**—Partnership dealings can prove highly beneficial, be they business or marital. Improve conditions.

**ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)**—You may face competition in romance today, so be prepared to meet it. Make your offer the best one.

**TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)**—If an employee in the motor or radio industries, you may anticipate progress on the job.

**GEMINI (May 22-June 22)**—Be adventurous today with a new and original idea. The right promotion should put it across.

**CANCER (June 23-July 23)**—Radio communications are especially favoured right now. If in this field, anticipate success.

**LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)**—Use the intellectual approach in dealing with superiors today. All brainwork is successful just now.

**VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)**—Continue care with business problems. Don't over-reach yourself. Be practical, thrifty. Watch the budget.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**—Carry on ideas out even against opposition. Now is the time to prove that you are right.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**—You can be the one to upset your own apple cart today. If things go wrong, don't blame somebody else.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)**—A fine day for cementing new friendships. Mutual respect can bring happiness to all.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)**—Brainwork is your answer to this day's challenge. Think carefully; watch details; act cautiously.

**Check Your Knowledge**

1. Name the author of "Hedda Gabler?"

2. What is the origin of the name Santa Claus?

3. What isthmus connects Asia and Africa?

4. In sailing what is a bathtub?

5. What name was given to the national garment worn by ancient Romans?

6. Define cryptography.

(Answers on Page 8)

**CHess PROBLEM**

By F. KOLLMANN  
Black; 4 pieces.

White, 6 pieces.  
White to play and mate in three.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. R-K16, any; 2. Q, R; or P (dis ch) mates.

UNUSUAL ANGLES  
SWASTIKA RETURNS TO THE GERMAN SCENE

A PALE swastika, once the sign of a "relief" for a thousand years, is making a comeback in Germany.

It appears on walls, on tops of buildings, in telephone booths and even on some customs seals. Nobody knows why nothing is done about it.

The swastika signs and Nazi slogans were washed off and removed from the walls when the war ended, but their space remained and left the same mark, even if it is more feeble now.

In Celle, in the British zone, a swastika became visible on the weather-vane of a building. A city alderman explained that after the war it was patched up with a piece of sheet metal. Wind and weather have done their work since and the swastika is visible again. He promised that this time they'll do a good job.

On Customs Seal

There is the case of a British officer who discovered that the German customs seal on his luggage bore the once familiar mark, the eagle holding the Nazi sign. Customs officials claimed they had no funds to buy new seals.

A farmer on the Baltic island of Fehmarn has a swastika on his barn. In 1945 he removed it, only to have the same sign there, clearly distinct from the original colour of the barn.

At the Hamburg railway station one can see in bright sunlight a last-minute slogan of the Nazi defeat, "holding out with Hitler." The sign did hold out.

Easy To Distinguish

There is a thin coat of paint in telephone booths over the swastikas, but that barely covers them and anybody can see what they are.

This is the situation all over Germany and while German authorities pledged themselves to prevent any reappearance of Nazism, the signs and slogans are still there.

In Frankfurt, centre of the U.S. occupation zone, the situation is similar. In the so-called "compound," where United States and Allied residents are housed, there are big white letters on the walls bearing such slogans as "people to arms" and "Rather death than slavery."

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

ON those occasions when, as occurred the other day, the Stock Exchange closes, and conducts its business in Throgmorton-street, you can have endless fun by dressing up as a stockbroker and mingling with the crowd.

From the corner of a doorway you shout, "1,200 Zogloff for sale here!" Then, darting to another doorway, you shout, in a panic-stricken voice, "Boxcroft and Popson have gone bust." Then, varying your voice, and changing your position frequently, "Sell out, sell out! Cancel all dealings! Gold shares here below part! Stop this! The Committee's resigned! We're to be nationalised! Run on Bank of England! Textiles rocketing! China has devalued! Ashford! Witwatersrand!"

Further fun  
Throgmorton-street are wild the performances, in which you give all the wrong signs, and ventriloquism. You can easily start an uproar by throwing your voice about, and making it appear that people who have not spoken a word have offered to buy or sell. Another trick is to dash madly out of an office and lean down the street, yelling "South Africa's closed all mines!" or "Oil found at Swindon!"

Nelson on backless uniforms

IS it a mere coincidence that the organiser of this vitriolic campaign against backless uniforms for policemen is the same Mr. T. Shy, who said that if women became billiard-markers they must have chaperones in the saloons? Mr. Shy asks what Nelson would have said about backless uniforms. As it happens we know what he did say. In 1798 a ballet was performed at the Court of Queen Marie-Caroline in Naples. The principal part was danced by Emma Hamilton as a woman scantily in a dress with no back!—I quote Pomeroy, Nelson said afterwards, "She has set an example which I would like to see followed in my own country." He repeated this in a letter (now in the Carnfold Collection) to the Rev. Archer Gough.

(London Express Service)

## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

TASMANIA  
TRADE BID

Hobart, Jan. 26.—Tasmania is sending a three-man delegation to Malaya and the Philippines to open markets for Tasmanian products.

It is proposed that representatives of the state government, the state fruit board and the co-operative canning companies try to open permanent markets for apples, pears and potatoes.

The Tasmanian Premier, Mr. R. Cosgrove, said arrangements have been made for a regular shipping service between Tasmania and Malaya and the Philippines. He said the ships would contain refrigeration space.—United Press.

Dollar Imports  
Cut Serious

Sydney, Jan. 26.—Recent cuts in optical imports from dollar countries are causing a shortage of spectacles in Australia. Sydney opticians said today that some types of abrasives needed for grinding lenses have been unobtainable since the Chifley government cut optical imports by 40 per cent.

Australia has not been producing lenses very long and 80 per cent came from America before the dollar shortage.

The optical profession cannot import more lenses from England because English suppliers were six months behind in meeting the demand brought about by the British National Health Scheme.—United Press.

Lancashire  
Takes Alarm

Manchester, Jan. 26.—Japanese textile exports to world markets are hurting the British textile industry, an industry spokesman declared today. He said that General Douglas MacArthur should curb them.

Mr. William J. Jones, Chairman of the Lancashire Textile Manufacturers' Association, said at a conference between General MacArthur and American and British textile men on the problem.

Mr. Jones said the American and British governments should support their demand.

Soviet Achieves  
Recovery  
From War Havoc

Moscow, Jan. 26.—1950 is the last year of the fourth five-year plan of the Soviet Union.

It is the year in which, according to the Plan which has been in operation since 1946, the production goals must be attained.

These production goals provided among other things for output in 1950:

Of 26.4 million metric tons of steel.

Of 250 million metric tons of coal.

Of 35.4 million metric tons of petroleum.

Of 82 billion kilowatt hours of electric power.

Of 4,700,000,000 metres of cotton cloth, 100,000,000 metres of woollen cloth, and 240,000,000 pairs of leather shoes.

Of 1,300,000 tons of meat, 275,000 tons of animal fats, 2,400,000 tons of sugar and 19,000,000 tons of flour.

What has been the progress?

In regard to overall industrial output of the U.S.S.R., General Malenkov announced on November 7, 1949, that output in October, 1949, was over 50 per cent more than in 1940. Lazar Kaganovich, in Pravda, announced that fourth quarter output in 1949 was running almost 50 per cent above pre-war.

These public statements were cited as indicating that the basic goal of the five-year plan for 1950 would be overfulfilled by an appreciable margin.

Of course, only 1950 will actually show whether the fragmentary indications of probable fulfilment of plan in many individual commodities will have been met.

Presumably a new five-year plan will be announced either sometime in 1950 or early in 1951 to run for the coming five years.

All Western economic observers here are, in any case, agreed on one conclusion—that the U.S.S.R. has made an overall recovery from war losses and devastation.—Associated Press.

Prices closed as follows:—

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# Indonesians Accuse Dutch Officers Of Aiding Rebel Troops

Lake Success, Jan. 26.—An Indonesian spokesman said today that if the situation deteriorates in West Java, where a Dutch Army officer is conducting guerrilla operations against the Indonesian Republican Army, the newly-formed United States of Indonesia will bring the case before the United Nations Security Council.

## COMMUNIST CALL TO MUTINY

Berlin, Jan. 26. The Communist Socialists Unity Party newspaper, Neues Deutschland, today called on German Foreign Legionnaires in Indo China to mutiny, shoot their officers, and go over to the "Liberation Army of Vietnam."

"We know that our paper gets through to the Foreign Legionnaires," the newspaper said in a special supplement devoted to Indo China.

"We appeal to the 10,000 German Foreign Legionnaires who are in Indo China to turn your backs upon your persecutors, to go over to the liberation forces who will welcome you as allies."

"On September 9, 1949, German Legionnaires in North Africa rose against their French officers who wanted to send them to Vietnam. Now we call on Legionnaires in Vietnam itself." Reuter

## No Politics In Sermons Till After Election

York, Jan. 26.—The Archbishop of York has ordered clergy members to keep politics out of their sermons until after the British general election on February 23.

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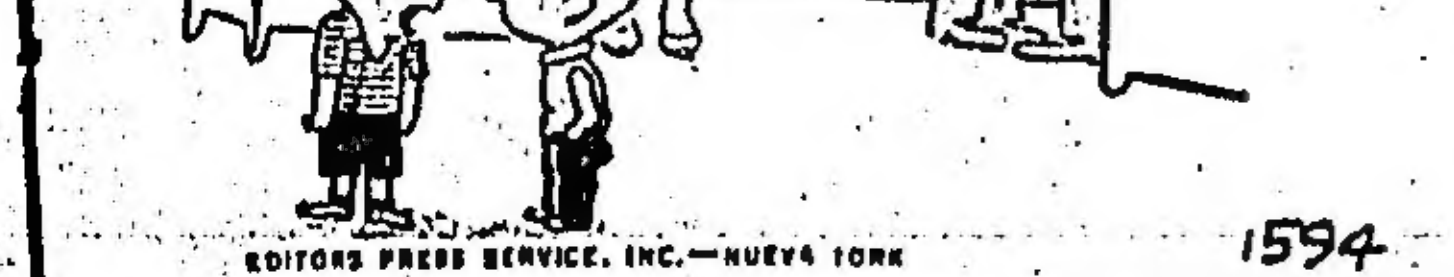
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## Wallace Denies Knowledge

Washington, Jan. 26. Mr. Henry Wallace said today that he had nothing to do with war-time atomic shipments to Russia, and in fact, did not even know they were made.

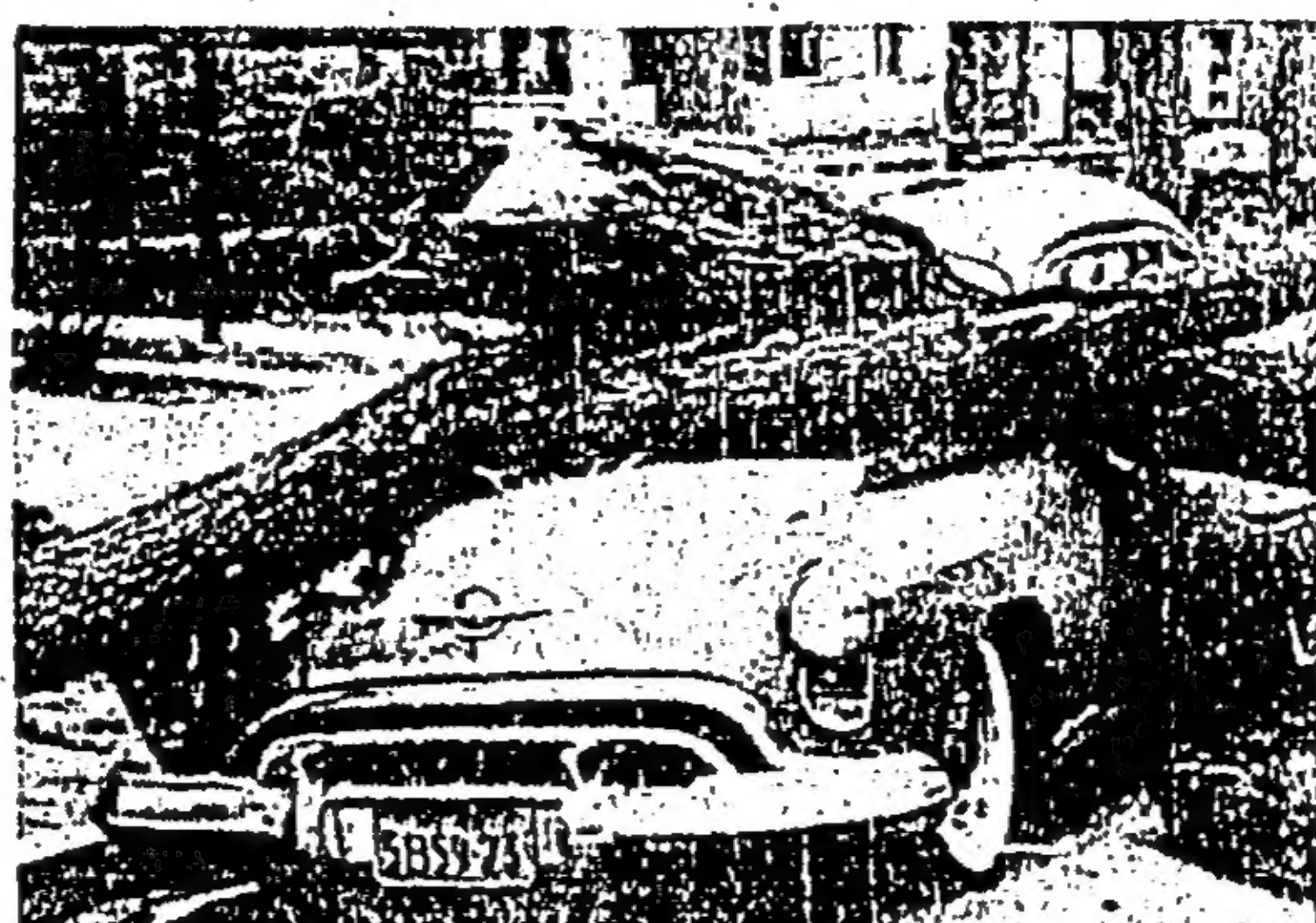
The former Vice-President made the statement to the House Un-American Activities Committee in answer to charges that he actually helped in such shipments.

Mr. Wallace said that despite his role in the U.S. war effort he was "neither responsible nor aware" of any such shipments to Russia. That, he said, was in the hands of Lend-Lease officials.—United Press.



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## Crushed In Blizzard



In the wake of the blizzard in upstate New York, a car is crushed beneath a fallen tree at Buffalo. The mid-January blizzard swept 200 miles along the 49th Parallel, doing an estimated US\$1,000,000 damage in Canada and the United States.

## Italy's Claim To Ex-King's Estate Said Misconceived

London, Jan. 26.—Defence counsel today described as "totally misconceived, frivolous and vexatious" Italy's action in the British High Court to recover cash and investments said to be worth £1,500,000, which belonged to the late ex-King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy.

After a two-day hearing, judgment was reserved.

The defendants were Hambros Bank Ltd., as attorney administrators of the former King's estate, and Sir Henry Gregory, Custodian of Enemy Property of the British Government.

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## PHILIPPINES INDIVIDUAL WAR CLAIMS

Washington, Jan. 26.—Chairman Daniel F. Cleary of the War Claims Commission, in an appearance before the House Appropriations Sub-committee today, estimated that 100,000 living ex-prisoners of war of the Philippines military forces and survivors of 35,000 deceased members of the Philippines military forces might have valid war claims totalling close to \$40,000,000.

But he estimated that more than the number eligible would seek war claims payments. He pointed out over 1,000,000 persons sought army recognition as guerrillas, but only 200,000 were recognized.

The War Claims Commission is authorized to use proceeds of the sale of German and Japanese property to pay war claims to all living ex-prisoners of war, survivors of deceased prisoners living in the United States, civilians interned in the Philippines and on United States Pacific islands possessions, and certain religious organizations and their staffs.

Mr. Cleary, in addition to the Philippine claims, also estimated that 120,000 living ex-prisoners of war and survivors of 13,000 dead in the United States armed forces and 10,000 civilian internees might be eligible.

He said 95 percent of valid claims would probably be from prisoners of war and their survivors.

Valid claims are expected to total \$10,000,000. Mr. Cleary said of which most would go to military prisoners and survivors. Valid civilian claims might total \$20,000,000 he said.

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## TWO CITIES BATTLE TO BE CAPITAL

Catania, Italy, Jan. 26.—The "Battle of Two Cities" for the title of being the capital of Calabria Province produced its first casualty today when 20 people were injured in a police baton charge.

The police broke up a crowd of about 100 people gathered in the narrow streets of the town, protesting against the proposed change of the provincial seat from Reggio to Catania.

A local newspaper reported that the police used batons and tear gas to disperse the crowd. The protesters were demanding a change of the provincial seat.

Catania came to a standstill today with a general strike called to support the town's demands, and heated threats were made to stop all trains passing through to Reggio and to deprive the Reggio of electricity.

The royal twins born to Countess Bath of Rosenburg yesterday will have to be kept in an oxygen tent for at least four weeks, the Countess' physician said today.

The babies are very weak and at least seven weeks premature. Prince Axel and Princess Margaretha, Countess' daughter-in-law, and her husband, Count Flemming of Rosenburg, all visited the clinic today but none of them has so far seen the babies. Associated Press.

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## Bilateral Arms Aid Agreements

SEVEN NATIONS TO SIGN TODAY

Washington, Jan. 26.—Seven Atlantic Pact nations will tomorrow sign bilateral arms agreements with the United States under the mutual Defence Assistance Programme, the State Department announced today.

It was not yet certain whether the agreements would be signed at the same time, the Department added.

Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department's spokesman, said that talks on the bilateral agreement between the United States and Britain were still going on.

He said that the United States was still working on the agreement with the United Kingdom, and that the bilateral agreement between the United States and Denmark, Norway, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Luxembourg and Italy.

Mr. McDermott said that President Truman would approve the North Atlantic Council's recommendations for the integrated defence of the North Atlantic Treaty area tomorrow afternoon.

EXECUTION ORDER

President Truman is expected to issue an execution order certifying that the defence plan is in existence.

The way will thus be cleared tomorrow for the shipment to seven Atlantic Pact countries of the first consignments of American arms.

When Congress voted \$1,000,000,000 worth of arms for the Atlantic Pact countries last year, it stipulated that the bilateral agreements must be signed and that President Truman must approve recommendations for the integrated defence of the whole strategic North Atlantic area.

Officials estimated that the flow of arms to Europe would begin about a month after the two steps were taken.

The State Department said it hoped to issue the texts of the bilateral agreements tomorrow.—Reuter.

## Russia Tables Pravda Blast

Lake Success, Jan. 26.—Russia returned to the United Nations today, but only to deliver copies of a blasting of the Coplon-Gulbitch trial published by the Moscow newspaper Pravda.

The Soviet delegation, which has pledged publicly not to participate in United Nations activities until Nationalist China is expelled from the world organization, sent one of its members to the U.N. headquarters with mimeographed copies of a 2,500-word Pravda article translated into English. He put the copies on a table in the Press Section.—United Press.

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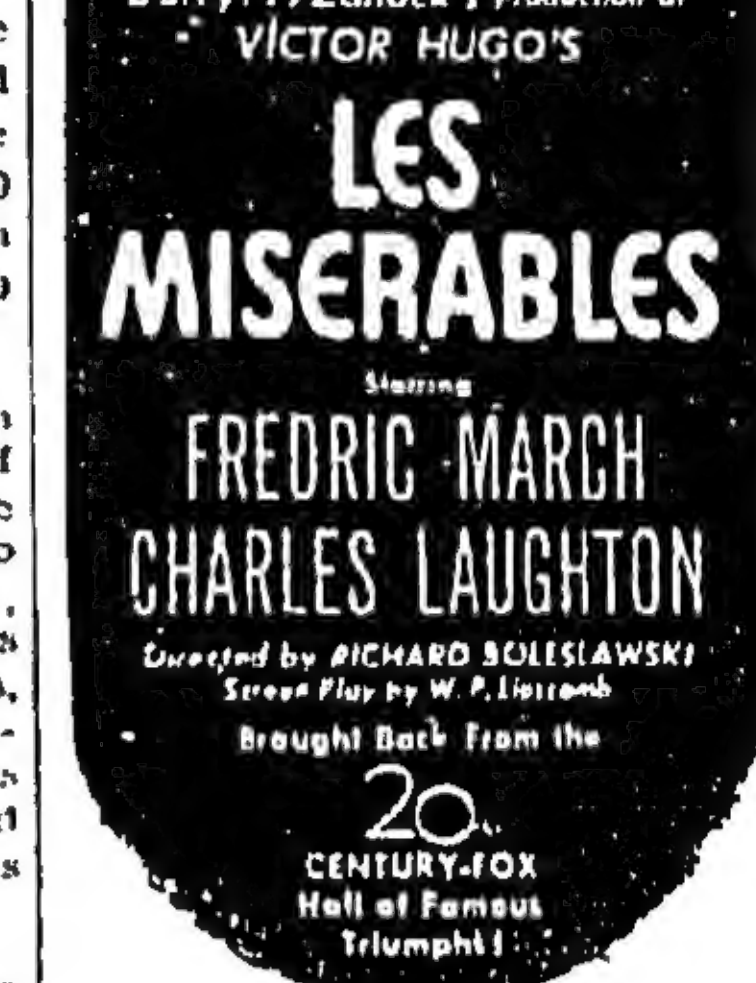
1. Henrik Ibsen. 2. A corrupt contractor of Saint Nikolaus, that is Saint Nicolas, the patron saint of children. 3. The lightning of St. Elizabeth. 4. A hole in the snow where a skier has fallen. 5. Toga. 6. It is the art of writing in cipher.

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